By MILDRED MARSHALL KOONCE.

The official clan assembled for the opening of Congress, completing the magic circle and bringing the ranks of society up to full festive strength. Plans for the brief season of officialdom with its present personnel are nicely under way and the first gayeties have been inaugurated with fitting brilliance. The bride and the debutante whose radiance illuminated the autumn months have been relegated to secondary importance before the coming of the official festivities, which, after all, are the real features of social life at the Capital.

Chief in interest, of course, among the initial events of the season was the White House dinner party on Thursday, when the President and Mrs. Wilson entertained a distinguished company in compliment to Mr. Vance McCormick, the magnificently efficient chairman of the Democratic National Committee. Close upon the heels of this first function will follow the Cabinet dinner on Tuesday and the reception to the Judiciary a week later. The comparatively early date of the first White House levee and the consequent advancing of the remaining hospitalities of officialdom sets the season in full swing long before the Christmas holidays. Though far from unprecedented, it is yet a novel situation and one calculated to bring more than the usual quota of gayety to the early winter months.

The Vice President and Mrs. Mar shall are comfortably established in take up their social responsibilities their luxurious suite at the Willard, after the holidays, while still others and individuality of its distinguished will not come at all for the short sesoccupants. There they will enter- sion. The Speaker and Mrs. Champ tain at dinner on Friday for the Pres- Clark are occupying their apartment ident and Mrs. Wilson, thus inaugurating the season of official dinners several guests who came on for the in honor of the Chief Executive and ceremonies attendant upon the conthe "first lady." In accordance with state custom, the President of the United States dines only with the leans with her son-in-law and daugh-Vice President and the members of ter, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Thomthe Cabinet, who entertain in turn at brilliant affairs where the guests ington after a visit of a week or more are culled from most distinguished en route from Boston to the South. and exclusive circles. Directly after Miss Emily Kutz, Miss Nellie Johnthe first White House reception, the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall Miss Robert Wiley were among will leave Washington to spend the the debutantes of the week whose Christmas holidays with Mrs. Mar- coming-out parties gathered toshall's parents, Judge and Mrs. Will- gether the smart folk of Capital

am E. Kimsey, in Arizona. The Congressional Club opened its setting, the marriage of Miss Marseason of activities with a delightful garet Immel Smith and Mr. George entertainment for its members on Kennedy, jr., stands unrivaled in the Friday afternoon. Its social policy annals of charming weddings of this of gracious hospitality remains un- and previous seasons. The studio of changed and the handsome clubhouse Mrs. Gillett Hill's house in R street will be the scene of frequent gaye- with its great window veiled in wovties while Congress remains in ses- en smilax lighted entirely by tapers sion-and perhaps thereafter. Many set in brass cathedral candelabra of the Congressional women have formed a uniquely picturesque backnot yet returned to town, preferring ground for one of the loveliest brides to spend Christmas at home and of the Capital.

Officialdom Plans Early Gayeties MISS HELEN BRANCONIER SMITH, charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Richard Smith, whose engagement to Lieut. John Howard Hoover, U. S. N., was announced last week. The wedding will probably take place during the Christmas holidays.



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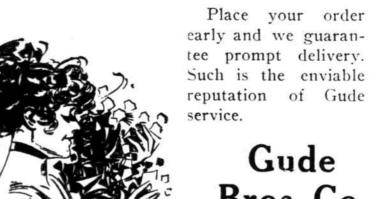
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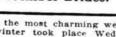
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The Secretary of Commerce William Redfield and Mrs. Redfield, who went to York last week, have returned to

Late Society News.

Society news received too late for publication in this supplement today may be found in the main news section of The Washington Herald.

Thursday evening, January 11, in honor most intimate friends of the bride and bridegroom.

Mr. and Mrs. English departed later

will pay them an indefinite visit.

Lieut. and Mrs. Wingate will be at home after March 1 at Fort Monroe, Ya., where the bridegroom is stationed.

Mrs. Burleson, wife of the Postmaster General, expects to go to Texas just after Christmas to make a short visit.

Mrs. Burleson entertained Mrs. Helen Smith Woodruff, of New York, nice of the late Mrs. Hilary A. Herbert, at small tea Wednesday afternoon.

The former Ambassador to Russia and Mrs. Gorge T. Marye have closed their beautiful estate at Burlinsame, Cal., and are now in New York, where they were Joined by Miss Doyle, who has been spending a few days in Wash-inston en route from Pittsburgh, where they marye is now with the quant, Mrs. More, Marye have closed in the first of the level, in the receiption of the level, in the parents here who have opened their bouse at Connecticut avenue and N.

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house at Connecticut avenue and N home.

Fort Howard, Baltimore, where Lieut. Cottrell is stationed.

Miss Smith to Wed.

Mr. and Mrs. George Richard Smith

Recent Dinner Parties.

Maj. Thompson, the bridegroom's father, was military aid to former President Taft when the latter was governor of the Philippines.

St. John's Episcopal Church at Norristown, Pa., was the scene of an attractive military wedding Wednesday, when Miss Adelaide Louise Brooke when Maj. Kelley.

Mrs. Julius Conrad was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Clement Ars. Clement Ars. F. Flagler, Col. and Mrs. Clement Ars. Flagler, Col. and Mrs. Lenders and Mrs. Eberle, will have as their weekend guests at Annapolis for the dance at the academy. Descenber 30, Miss Polores Crawford and Miss Nellie Johnson. Mrs. Julius Conrad was the guest of pliment to Miss Huddleson

The officers of the Navy Yard, Navy Hospital and ships, who will give two dances this season at the Navy Yard, have issued invitations for the first dance, to be given December 20. The second dance will be given about the middle of February.

have announced the engagement of their daughter, Helen Branconier, to Lieut. John Howard Hoover, U. S. N. Mrs. Thetus Sims, will entertain at a buffet luncheon in honor of Miss place during the Christmas holidays. Miss Marie Sims and Miss Enid

er of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hamil-on on Saturday, December 23, at the

The Russian Ambassador and Mme, Bakhmeteff, who spent the week at New york, took an active part in the Russian bazaar which is heling held under the auspices of the Russian-American Rechef Association, of which Mme, Bakhmeteff is honorary president. The Ambassador and Mme, Bakhmeteff are expected to return to Washington today.

The Minister of Panama and Mme, Porras took possession last week of the Porras took possession last week of the residence 10. Sixteenth street, which they have leased for the winter.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Newton Baker have as their guest Miss Kathering Lowe, of cleveland, Ohio, who will pay them an indefinite visit.

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